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INVENTION:

METHOD FOR FUNCTIONAL MAPPING OF AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE GENE NETWORK AND FOR IDENTIFYING THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement mailed June 5, 2002, in the above-identified application.

- ___ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- \underline{X} Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- ____ Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- X No additional claims fee is required.
- ___ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

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Examiner: P. Paras

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Claims 1-37 are pending. The Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to eighty-two distinct and independent inventions as follows:

Group I:

Claims 1 through 21, directed to a method of mapping a network of functional gene interactions relating to Alzheimer's disease, classified in the classes 800 and 435, subclasses 13, 22 and 455;

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Group II:

Claims 22 through 29, directed to a method for identifying a therapeutic agent for treating Alzheimer's disease, classified in class 800, subclass 3;

Groups III-LXV:

Claims 30 through 33 each group directed to the nucleotide sequence set forth as SEQ ID NOS: 1 through 63, respectively, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1; and

Groups LXVI-LXXXII: Claims 30 through 33, each group directed to the nucleotide sequence set forth as SEQ ID NOS: 64 through 80, respectively, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Election of one of the inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Although the restriction requirement is traversed for the reasons discussed below, Applicants elect the claims set forth in Group II, claims 22-29, for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that examination of the claims of Group II together with the claims of Group I, claims 1-21, would not present an undue burden upon the Examiner. Applicants submit that a thorough examination of the claims of Group II, which are directed to a method for identifying a therapeutic agent for treating Alzheimer's disease, will include

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an examination of the claims of Group I, which are directed to directed to a method of mapping a network of functional gene interactions relating to Alzheimer's disease. In particular, the method of Group II for identifying a therapeutic agent for treating Alzheimer's disease is practiced with parent strains that are identified via the method of Group I and produce test progeny having an altered phenotype relative to at least one sibling control, thereby localizing a gene that is a member of an Alzheimer's disease genetic network to one of a series of genetic variations. Therefore, a thorough examination of the claims of Group II will necessarily encompass examination of subject matter relavant to the claims of Group I, with limited additional subject matter required for the examination of these claims. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that examining these claims together would not present an undue burden upon the Examiner and request examination of the claims of Group II together with the claims of Group I.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants request that claims 22-29, of Group II be examined and further request that the Examiner reconsider the Restriction Requirement and examine the subject matter relating to Group I, claims 1-21, together with the elected subject matter relating to Group II.

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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions.

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